

DDRT Supporting Warfighters with Tires, Pure Pallets

A major mission for the Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX (DDRT) is to provide a variety of tires for various military vehicles. Pictured here are numerous tires that DDRT has shipped to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF).



Also visible is a large sticker that says "PURE." To better support the Warfighter, DDRT and many Defense Distribution Center facilities build "pure pallets" - pallets with materiel for just one customer. This dramatically reduces handling by customers inside the theater.



DDRT Manages 80 Percent of TACOM's Tires

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Tires, tires everywhere! At Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX (DDRT), there are tires everywhere!

According to Ronny L. Goff, Chief of Preservation, Packing, Packaging and Marking (PPP&M) at DDRT, "The tire mission here at DDRT is exploding. We are receiving them by the thousands. Truck after truck—full of every type tire you can imagine—is pulling up to the docks daily."

This is taking place not only at Building 552, DDRT's traditional tire warehouse, but at several additional warehouses, now set up to receive tires.

"All types of aircraft tires, tiny automotive tires to huge earthmover tires—fondly referred to as 'Man Killers'—are being received," he explained.

Goff pointed out that it seems that if it rolls on rubber, DDRT has the tire for it somewhere in one of our warehouses.

"Tires have become one of the prime commodities here at DDRT. The close relationship that has developed between DDRT and the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) Team Tire, has brought DDRT the bulk of their tire storage needs," Goff explained.

Operation Iraqi Freedom alone has given DDRT the requirement to store approximately 200,000 tires of 44 different stock numbers. Currently, DDRT has been selected as the storage sight for 80 percent of TACOM's automotive tires.

"The Air Force is also very actively engaging us to fulfill their tire storage needs. They have furnished DDRT with a five-year requirements forecast that contains substantial quantities of a multitude of different Air Force tires," Goff said.

Goff explained that the tire mission is good solid business for the future of DDRT.

"The amount of trust and the willingness to commit their product into our hands is

once again reflective of the reputation earned through hard work and commitment to providing the best possible service to our customer," he explained.

"The blaze of a reputation cannot be blown out, but it can die out if not continually fueled. Feeding the fire is exactly what the employees of the Special Commodities Branch are doing here at DDRT. They are determined to not only accept the challenge laid before them but to set the standard for the future. Keep rolling guys—you are doing great," Goff said with a smile.

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